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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3114

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 4391

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTEOR)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: NAIROBI 4337 AND PREVIOUS

1. FANI WILLIAM MUGWADI CALLED ON NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR FEIN THIRD TIME TODAY AND STATED THAT HE IS LEAVING TONIGHT FOR EASTERN ZAIRE BY WAY OF BUJUMBURA. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE PHONED NDAMAGARA (SEE REFTEL) IN BUJUMBURA WHO ALLEGEDLY TOLD MUGWADI THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRP LEADERS AND HAD TOLD THEM THEY WERE STUPID TO HAVE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS AND THAT THEY SHOULD RELEASE THEM, OR AT LEAST DROP DEMANDS FOR ARMS AND MONEY AND SETTLE FOR RELEASE OF TWO PRISONERS HELD BY TANZANIA. AMBASSADOR FEIN, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION, DID NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE MUGWADI.

2. JUST BEFORE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR CALLED TO BRIEF ME ON HIS MEETING WITH MUGWADI, MUGWADI SHOWED UP AT CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY ASKING TO SEE ME. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE WAS LEAVING TONIGHT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PRP LEADERS IN HOPES OF OBTAINING RELEASE OF STUDENTS. IMPRESSION I RECEIVED FROM MY BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH MUGWADI FULLY SUBSTANTIATED

EARLIER ASSESSMENTS THAT HE IS UNRELIABLE PEDDLER OF
INTELLIGENCE.

AS IS APPARENTLY HIS CUSTOM HE ATTEMPTED
TO ESTABLISH HIS BONAFIDES BY NAMING NAMES OF AMERICAN
OFFICIALS IN OTHER EMBASSIES. I SAID NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE
HIM TO PURSUE HIS SUPPOSED RESCUE EFFORT. NEVERTHELESS, WE CAN NOT
BE CERTAIN THAT EVERYTHING HE HAS TOLD US HAS BEEN INVENTED.
THERE IS AT LEAST AN OFF CHANCE THAT HE WILL, WHETHER WE
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